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HOW TO CREATE AN ENERGY CRISIS

The Energy crisis just didn't happen; it was created. Below is a list for posterity on creating your own "artificial" energy crisis. The ingredients consist of the following:

1. Ban the use of high sulfur coal thus restricting the supply of fuel.
2. Impose new safety rules on mines thus cutting output from low sulfur coal mines.
3. Reduce strip mining to promote scenic beauty.
4. Freeze prices so that producers cannot pay for the added business costs of the above thus discouraging further investment.
5. Pass a law setting a ceiling on natural gas prices so that expansion is discouraged and exploration thwarted.
6. Maintain this low ceiling price for 20 years inspite of inflation to encourage overuse and thus guarantee shortages.
7. Saddle the public utilities with price controls that make power costs artificially lower than conditions demand.
8. Prohibit atomic power development through court actions and licensing restrictions.
9. Increase per car gasoline consumption by 50 per cent through compulsory emission control devices.
10. Favor auto and truck traffic by building more and more new highways using eminent domain powers and public money. At the same time, harass and crush the railroads through burdensome taxes and ICC regulations.
11. Pass new laws that restrict oil refinery operations and preclude new construction.
12. Block the Alaskan pipeline for years to satisfy ecology interests and the sex life of the caribou.
13. Ban offshore drilling and pumping.
14. Ban use of high sulfur oil.
15. Restrict oil imports to satisfy the major domestic oil companies.
16. Hamper and delay the construction of deep water ports so that those who would like to sell to the U.S. cannot efficiently ship oil.
17. When you freeze gas prices, make sure that they are at a very low level. As costs go up, this is sure to discourage production.
18. Maintain a policy of opposition to the Middle East oil powers regardless of the merits

of their case.

19. When a shortage looms, mislead the public into believing it was caused by Arabs, greedy oil companies or people driving too fast. Begin a campaign to confiscate profits from oil companies by ignoring the fact that profit percentages at the end of 1973 are still lower than in 1968 when gasoline was cheap.

20. Finally, set up an agency to control the energy producers, eventually socialize the industry, and therefore making shortages a permanent feature of American life.

Government controls and intervention into the economy eventually guarantees artificial shortages from gasoline to bread to toilet paper to plastics to... It seems strange that in a time when America is experiencing so much government controls, especially price controls, that we are experiencing so many shortages. This never occurred during periods of a free economy.

Anyway, the next time you are waiting for an hour to buy a few gallons of gasoline, remember that the wonderful people of the government bureaucracy who basically caused it were only trying to help. The question is who are they trying to help. It is not the consumer.

It should be apparent that it is time to rollback the government. And if there is any rationing the people should "RATION POLITICIANS, NOT GASOLINE."

MANEY THE RICH AND HIS LISTER
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"I'VE ISSUED EACH OF YOU A RATION COUPON... DON'T PANIC - STRICTLY A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE."

The newspaper article below is an interview by the "Fullerton News Tribune" with Lawrence Samuels, chairman of SLL, and Brock D'Avignon, a member of SLL. The article is critical at times, but worth reprinting for general ideas in libertarian education. (PAYN is a program of D'Avignon and not necessarily advocated by SLL since libertarianism advocates so many different avenues to education.)

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'There Ain't No Free Lunch': Battle Cry of Cal State Libertarians

By PHILIP C. ROSMARIN
News Tribune Writer

FULLERTON — The colleges will not have Gov. Reagan to kick around anymore, if a California State University, Fullerton has his way.

Or more precisely, according to Larry Samuels, Gov. Reagan will not have the state university system to kick around anymore.

Samuels is chairman of CSUF Students for Libertarian Life, a group advocating a philosophy of intense individual liberty and unrestricted capitalism.

The SLL is promoting a system of education finance which Samuels says will completely take the colleges out of the realm of political influence.

Samuels and SLL member Brock D'Avignon rapped about Pay As You Earn (PAYE), a tuition-postponement option program. They said the system is now being used at both Yale and Duke universities, two prestige schools which they claim have opened their doors through PAYE to the poorest members of society.

"A kid from rathole poverty can go to either of those schools," D'Avignon said. Under the plan, a student would have the option of paying for his education directly or postponing payment until after college.

If he opted to postpone payment, he would sign a contract agreeing to pay a percentage of his earnings for a specified period of time after graduation.

D'Avignon said that a hypothetical figure might be payment at 0.3 per cent of the annual postgraduate income for 30 years.

Theoretically, the system would pay for itself, but not at the payback levels D'Avignon and Samuels are talking about. If a man averaged \$50,000 a year for 30 years, a high income level, he would pay a mere \$4,500 for that Duke education.

And, a man with an average income of \$10,000 would pay only \$900 over a 30-year schedule. A graduate who was stricken with wanderlust, a change of philosophy that deemphasizes money or a stroke of bad luck which puts him on welfare, would pay nothing for the same education given to the long-range millionaire.

D'Avignon and Samuels are attempting to set up this semester a program of information and gentle lobbying to convince students to change what D'Avignon calls "collectivist tax-supported schools to capitalist equal opportunity schools."

Said D'Avignon of the move to revolutionize education finance, "It will be a slow, gradual, peaceful process. And we will not have the state's hand hanging over education."

We will not, he said, have Reagan to

worry about.

(The governor has been criticized since the beginning of his administration for alleged heavy-handed education budget cuts).

Samuels sees the necessity of changing over the school system from tax-supported to the PAYE or similar plans as absolutely imperative. He sees the present system of state subsidy to schools as similar to the situation in Nazi Germany.

"Control the textbooks," Samuels said, "and you control the minds of the people."

The SLL is into several issues beside that of school financing. An entire propaganda machine of books, pamphlets, newspapers and magazines touts the libertarian cause.

The group is very big on buttons. Samuels pulls from his briefcase and off his jacket buttons that tell you, "Taxation is Theft." "I just Want to be Free." "Laissez Faire." "War is the Health of the State." And their most popular button, which says simply, "TANSTAAFL." It is nearly impossible to pronounce, but Samuels says it is really the rallying cry of the libertarian movement.

It means, "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

The group is pro-police but anti-aggression. The police they envision, however, is not your standard department. The SLL, Samuels says, believes in a free marketplace of protection, in which as many police forces as the public wants to organize are permitted, on a competing basis.

Samuels said theoretically the 90,000 people of Fullerton could, if they chose, have 90,000 separate one-man police forces.

That would be very extreme and unlikely, says Samuels. On the more practical scale, he sees only three or four developing within present city boundaries.

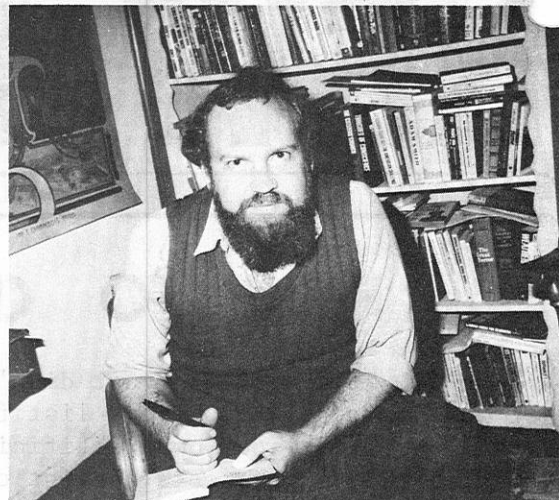
D'Avignon said the system works very well in Pathunistan, a country he said is claimed by Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan (and possibly more mythical than real). For centuries the people there were able to defend against aggression, he said. They even stopped and killed Alexander the Great, said D'Avignon.

No, Samuels, wasn't that more of a sickness? Said D'Avignon, "Well, they wounded him first."

Whichever way it went, Fullerton is probably not ready for Pathunistan.

"Don't Rob=It's A Crime To Compete With Govt." bumperstickers now on sale - 15¢ each.

NOTES



PHILLIP ABBOTT LUCE

If plans go accordingly, Phillip Abbott Luce, author and lecturer, will speak at CSUF on March 22. Mr. Luce has written numerous articles in "Reader's Digest," "The Saturday Evening Post," "National Review," "Human Events" and other publications. He has authored three books — The New Left, Road to Revolution and The Intelligent Students' Guide to Survival.

Mr. Luce left the Communist Progressive Labor Party in 1965 as one of its key leaders. Before the split, Mr. Luce planned trips to Cuba with Jerry Rubin to meet with Fidel Castro. It was partly from Mr. Luce's experience in Cuba which ended his flirtation with the collective factions of the New Left.

Conservative-libertarianism would best describe Mr. Luce's philosophy at the present time. He advocates an extremely limited government position, but due to his encounter with the militant New Left, Mr. Luce has a reputation of being anti-communist, when he is really anti-authoritarian.

New position paper: called "Taxation Is Theft" has recently been published by SLL

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